BY Chapter 618 of the Acts of 1971, and to read as follows:

8-41.

(E) ANY AND ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY (BOTH TANGIBLE AND INTANGIBLE) AND ANY AND ALL RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST THEREIN, GROSS RECEIPTS, GROSS OR NET INCOME, PURCHASES, FRANCHISES. LICENSES. SALES. OPERATIONS. ACTIVITIES OWNED. ANDFUNCTIONS, CONTROLLED OR RECEIVED, OR MADE, OR PERFORMED OR CARRIED ON, BY THE AUTHORITY SHALL BE AND REMAIN TOTALLY EXEMPT FROM ALL TAXES, ASSESSMENTS, CHARGES AND FEES OF EVERY KIND, IMPOSED, LEVIED OR MADE BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND, ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THEREOF, OR ANY AGENCY OR INSTRUMENTALITY OF ANY OF THEM.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 21, 1973.

## CHAPTER 480

(Senate Bill 1106)

AN ACT to add new Section 9G(h) to Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume), title "Merit System," to follow immediately after Section 9G(g) thereof, to provide for the transfer of all employees of the Howard County Board of Supervisors of Elections from the local merit system to the classified service of the State, without further examination or loss of benefits, and to provide for credit for years of service.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 9G(h) be and it is hereby added to Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume), title "Merit System," to follow immediately after Section 9G(g) thereof, and to read as follows:

9G.

- (H)(1) AS OF JULY 1, 1973, ALL PERMANENT EMPLOYEES OF THE HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS, BOTH FULL TIME AND PART TIME, WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL MERIT SYSTEM, SHALL BE IN THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE OF THE STATE AND SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE SECRETARY OF PERSONNEL.
- (2) NOTHING HEREIN CONTAINED IS INTENDED IN ANY WAY TO ALTER THE PRESENT METHOD BY WHICH THE SALARIES OF THESE EMPLOYEES ARE PRESENTLY FUNDED.
- (3) THOSE EMPLOYEES SHALL BECOME CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM LAW UNDER THIS ARTICLE, WITHOUT NEED OF FURTHER EXAMINATION OR QUALIFICATION, AND WITHOUT DIMINUTION